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## NO GROUND TROOPS

**1** President Barack Obama ruled out a shift in strategy in the fight against the Islamic State despite the deadly attacks in Paris last week, saying putting U.S. troops on the ground to combat the group "would be a mistake." Obama, speaking after a G20 leaders' summit, said the U.S.-led coalition fighting Islamic State would redouble efforts to implement the current strategy. **REUTERS**



## HATE CRIMES FALL

**2** U.S. hate crimes fell 8 percent in 2014, with race by far the most common bias trigger, the FBI said. Police recorded 5,479 crimes motivated by bias last year, down from 5,928 in 2013, the FBI said in a breakdown of data from the Uniform Crime Reporting Program. The 5,462 incidents involving a single bias totaled 6,681 victims. Of the victims, 48.3 percent were targeted because of suspects' racial bias, followed by sexual orientation, at 18.7 percent, and 17.1 percent for religion, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said. **REUTERS**

## MARRIOTT GROWS

**3** Marriott International Inc. will buy Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc. for \$12.2 billion to create the world's largest hotel chain. Brands will include Sheraton, Ritz Carlton and the Autograph Collection. The combined company will have more than 5,500 hotels, with 1.1 million rooms worldwide. **REUTERS**



## NEW MURAL IN PORT RICHMOND

**7** A new mural honoring Battalion Chief Michael Goodwin was unveiled at the Ladder 16 firehouse in Port Richmond.

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## WOMAN HIT BY TROLLEY

**4** A woman was killed after being struck by a passing car while she was exiting a trolley in South Philadelphia on Monday morning. The incident, which reportedly happened around 9:15 a.m., was caused by a car attempting to go around the stopped trolley, ABC reports. **MATT LEE**



## SHEEN ANNOUNCEMENT

**5** Charlie Sheen is to make a "revealing personal announcement" on the "Today" show on Tuesday, according to NBC, following reports in online and tabloid media that the Hollywood actor has been diagnosed as HIV-positive. Sheen's representatives could not be reached for comment and Reuters was not able to verify reports on the state of his health. NBC said in a statement on Monday that Sheen, 50, would make an announcement in a live interview on its morning show. **REUTERS**

## INSTAGRAM BLOCKS PHILLY

**6** The #Philly hashtag has been deactivated on Instagram due to a proliferation of pornographic content and nudity under that tag. That hashtag was blocked from "recent posts" after Instagram discovered the tag was being used to share nudity and pornographic content, the company confirmed via email. **SAM NEWHOUSE**



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Shelton McElroy, right, and Maya Williamson, center, came from Louisville, Kentucky, to testify before city council. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

# Casino gets zoning nod

Casino plans move forward despite debate over racism claims against developer.



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Allegations of racist conduct at bars and nightclubs in Kentucky didn't deter the City Council Rules Committee from giving a favorable recommendation to an ordinance that would grant needed zoning for Live! Philadelphia Hotel & Casino, planned for the stadium district in South Philadelphia. The ordinance will be voted on by council on Dec. 3.

Three witnesses from Louisville, Kentucky, came to Philly to condemn practices intended to keep out black customers at 4th Street Live! in their city. That entertainment complex of bars and nightclubs was developed by Cordish Companies, which with Parx Casino is developing Live! Philadelphia.

Shelton McElroy, who has a pending lawsuit against Cordish, testified that he was thrown out for violating the dress code — while three shirtless white patrons danced on the bar nearby. (Cordish said the Philadelphia casino will have no dress code.)

"They're not going to implement this policy in Philadelphia," McElroy testified, "since it wouldn't make dollars and sense. ... But you would be rewarding racism."

Maya Williamson, a former hostess at a 4th Street Live! restaurant, described being ordered by two managers — a black man and a white woman — to keep black patrons out.

"She said, 'They're bad for business. Anything you want to do to keep them out, do it,'" Williamson testified,

breaking down in tears. "They should not be able to do that."

But local leaders said they investigated the same issues, but would not call Cordish "a racist company."

Rodney Muhammad, head of the Philadelphia chapter of the NAACP, testified that he was approached by representatives of Metropolitan Public Strategies with information about racist conduct accusations leveled at Cordish. He said their goal was to obtain union representation of casino employees by Unite Here.

"I became a little bit suspicious about how anxious this person was to have me come out against Cordish Companies," Muhammad said, saying he pulled out of a press conference to denounce Cordish after checking on the company's reputation with other NAACP chapters.

"None of us have run into anything like that," testified Adolphus Pruitt, president of the St. Louis, Missouri, chapter of the NAACP, of allegations of racism against Cordish.

Cordish VP Blake Cordish and COO Zed Smith attributed any racist conduct to "third parties" employed at those specific venues, and testified that their community benefits agreements with South Philly residents would be profitable to the city.

"We appreciate the confidence shown in our team by the city council," Smith said in a statement. "We can't wait to get started in creating thousands of jobs and career opportunities for the people of Philadelphia."

The \$450 million project is estimated to create 3,000 construction jobs, 2,000 permanent new jobs and draw 8.5 million visitors a year.



A rendering of Live! Philadelphia Hotel & Casino PROVIDED

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## BRIEFS

**Is Vetri pizza good enough to save a retailer from the ravages of e-commerce?**

When Philly-based retailer Urban Outfitters announced that it had bought the Vetri Restaurant Group on Monday, it sent the business world laughing.

Its stock price dropped 7.4 percent on the news.

Why, some asked, would a retailer known for marketing to millennials and hipsters with homes buy a restaurant group

known for its pizza?

The answer may be Amazon.

The Philadelphia-based company said Monday on its 3rd-quarter earnings call that store traffic in North America had dropped 6 percent. The company says that's because there is a "lack of newness in fashion" and that its furniture and home-goods sales are going fine.

But some analysts point to

declining store traffic at other clothing retailers, and they are wondering if consumers are increasingly relying on the Internet to get what they need.

How does Vetri figure into that?

By expanding into pizza, Urban Outfitters actually put a bigger spotlight on its existing business, Simeon Siegel, a New York-based analyst at Nomura Securities told Bloomberg.

In other words, come for the

pizza, stay for the shopping.

"It's a perfect match," said partner/chef Marc Vetri in a statement.

Food and Wine magazine last year named Vetri the best pizza spot in America. And the company has already opened cafes in some of its stores.

Urban Outfitters Inc. owns the clothing store which shares a name, along with Free People and Anthropologie.

DAN KELLEY



Gov. Tom Wolf CHARLES MOSTOLLER

## Refugees from Syria welcome in state: Gov.

As some states oppose refugees from Syria, Gov. Wolf says they are welcome here.

Gov. Tom Wolf will not prohibit Syrian refugees from coming to the state in the wake of a series of coordinated attacks in Paris.

"We must not lose sight of the fact that families leaving Syria are trying to escape the same violence and unimaginable terror that took place in Paris and Beirut," Wolf said in a statement.

In Philadelphia, Mayor-elect Jim Kenney applauded Wolf's statement.

"Philadelphia has a long history of being a city of refuge for those in need—welcoming Quakers, Irish immigrants, Sudanese refugees and many others," Kenney said. "I applaud Gov. Wolf's decision to work

with the federal government to properly screen and resettle Syrian refugees in Pennsylvania. In keeping with our city's history, I look forward to working with him and welcoming refugees seeking a safe home to Philadelphia."

Three U.S. governors on Monday said they would not allow Syrian refugees to be settled in their states, joining Alabama and Michigan and contending it is too dangerous to let in people from that war-torn country following Friday's deadly Paris attacks.

Republican Govs. Greg Abbott of Texas, Asa Hutchinson of Arkansas, Mike Pence of Indiana, Bobby Jindal of Louisiana and Phil Bryant of Mississippi said their states would no longer help support the Obama administration's goal of accepting 10,000 Syrian refugees in the coming years.

DAN KELLEY AND REUTERS

*"Philadelphia has a long history of being a city of refuge for those in need—welcoming Quakers, Irish immigrants, Sudanese refugees and many others."*

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The Annual Plan is available for public review on PHA's website at [www.pha.phila.gov](http://www.pha.phila.gov) under the "Latest News" section or may be picked up at the following locations:

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## BRIEF

**Kerry arrives in Paris in show of U.S. support after attacks**  
Secretary of State John Kerry arrived in Paris on Monday to pay respects to those killed in last week's attacks in the French capital and to stress Washington's support for a key ally in the war against Islamic State militants.

Kerry's visit comes three days after gunmen killed more than 130 people in attacks on bars, a concert hall and a soccer

stadium in Paris. Kerry is due to meet with President Francois Hollande on Tuesday morning.

The U.S. Secretary of State will express "shared resolve to continue countering violent extremism here and around the world," State Department spokesman John Kirby said.

President Barack Obama pledged support to France after the attacks, which he called "an outrageous attempt to terrorize innocent civilians."



Kerry GETTY IMAGES

Among those killed in Friday's attacks was a 23-year-old U.S. exchange student, Nohemi Gonzalez, who was dining at a restaurant fired upon by gunmen.

France has been bombing Islamic State positions in Iraq and Syria as part of a U.S.-led operation. On Sunday its jets launched their biggest raids in Syria to date, hitting the militant group's stronghold of Raqqa. REUTERS



Washington, D.C. GETTY IMAGES

## Islamic State threatens attack on Washington

A video begins with news footage of the aftermath of Friday's Paris shootings.

Islamic State warned in a new video on Monday that countries taking part in air strikes against Syria would suffer the same fate as France — and threatened to attack Washington.

The message to countries involved in what it called the "crusader campaign" was delivered by a man dressed in fatigues and a turban, and identified in subtitles as Al Ghareeb the Algerian.

"We say to the states that take part in the crusader campaign that, by God, you will have a day. God willing, like France's and by God, as we struck France in the center of its abode in Paris, then we swear that we will strike America at its center in Washington," the man said.

It was not immediately possible to verify the authenticity of the video, which purports to be the work of Islamic State fighters in the Iraqi province of Salaheddine, north of Baghdad.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security would not comment on the video, but said it has not received information indicating a potential attack.

"While we take all threats seriously, we do not have specific credible information of an attack on the U.S. homeland," an official said on condition of anonymity.

The French government has called the Paris attacks an act of war and said it would not end its air strikes against Islamic State in Syria and Iraq.

"Al Ghareeb the Algerian" also warned Europe in the video that more attacks were coming.

"I say to the European countries that we are coming, coming with booby traps and explosives, coming with explosive belts and (gun) silencers and you will be unable to stop us because today we are much stronger than before," he said.

Apparently referring to international talks to end the Syrian war, another man identified in the video as Al Karrar the Iraqi tells French President Francois Hollande "we have decided to negotiate with you in the trenches and not in the hotels." REUTERS

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# France: US, Russia

Vowing to destroy terrorism, France seeks global coalition against Islamic State.

French President Francois Hollande called on the U.S. and Russia to join a global coalition to destroy Islamic State in the wake of the attacks across Paris — and announced a wave of measures to combat terror in France.

"France is at war," Hollande told a joint session of parliament at the Palace of Versailles. He promised to increase funds for national security and strengthen anti-terror laws in response to the suicide bombings and shootings that killed 129.

Parliamentarians gave Hollande a standing ovation before spontaneously singing the "Marseillaise" national anthem in a show of political unity

*"We're not engaged in a war of civilizations, because these assassins do not represent any. We are in a war against jihadist terrorism which is threatening the whole world."*

Hollande told a packed, somber chamber

following the worst atrocity France has seen since World War II.

Islamic State has claimed responsibility for Friday's coordinated attacks, saying they were in retaliation for France's involvement in U.S.-backed air strikes in Iraq and Syria.

Hollande pledged that French fighter jets would intensify their assaults. He said he would meet U.S. President Barack Obama and Russian President Vladimir Putin in the coming days to urge them to pool their re-

sources.

"We must combine our forces to achieve a result that is already too late in coming," Hollande said.

The U.S.-led coalition has been bombing Islamic State for more than a year. Russia joined the conflict in September, but Western officials say it has mainly hit foreign-backed fighters battling Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, not Islamic State.

Speaking in Turkey at the same time as Hollande, Obama called Fri-

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Russian President Vladimir Putin talks to President Barack Obama following a working session on day two of the G20 leaders summit on Monday in Antalya, Turkey. GETTY IMAGES

day's attacks a "terrible and sickening setback," but maintained the U.S.-led coalition was making progress.

"Even as we grieve with our French friends...we can't lose sight that there has been progress," Obama said at a Group of 20 summit, ruling out sending in ground troops.

Much of France came to a standstill at midday for a minute's silence to remember the dead, many of whom were young people killed as they enjoyed a night out. Metro trains stopped, pedestrians paused on pavements and office workers stood at their desks.

But in a sign of life slowly returning to normal, schools and museums reopened after a 48-hour shutdown, as did the Eiffel Tower, which lit up the night sky in the red, white and blue colors of the French flag following two days of darkness. REUTERS



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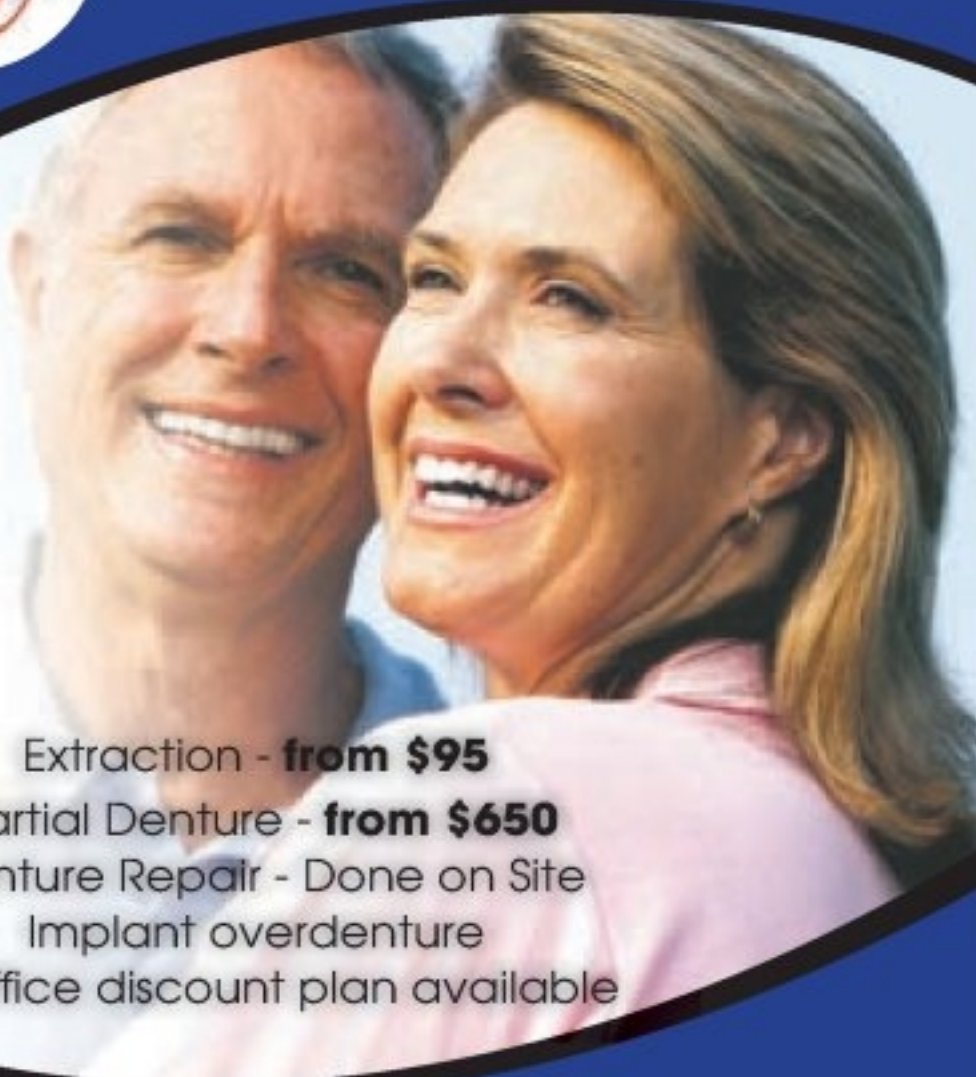
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Medics move a wounded man near the Boulevard des Filles-du-Calvaire after the Paris attack. GETTY IMAGES

## After Paris, Americans want U.S. to do more to attack Islamic State: poll

A majority of Americans want the United States to intensify its assault on the Islamic State following the Paris attacks, but most remain opposed to sending troops to Iraq or Syria, where the militant group is based, a Reuters/Ipsos poll found.

That view runs counter to comments by some 2016 Republican

presidential candidates, like former Florida Governor Jeb Bush. He called Monday for more U.S. "troops on the ground" in the region. Americans, weary after years of prolonged conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan, appear reluctant to become embroiled in another war, even as they push for more action.

The poll — conducted over the weekend after the suicide bomb and shootings in Paris — found that 63 percent of Americans were fearful that a Paris-style attack could happen near them, suggesting that national security could emerge as a dominant theme in the 2016 race for the White House. **REUTERS**

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# Anonymous hackers declare war on Islamic State after Paris attacks

Anonymous, a loose-knit international network of activist hackers, is preparing to unleash waves of cyber attacks on Islamic State following the attacks in Paris last week that killed 129 people, a self-described member said in a video.

A man wearing a Guy Fawkes mask appeared on a video posted to YouTube. He said the Islamic State militants who claimed responsibility for the Paris attacks were "vermin" and Anonymous would hunt them down.

"These attacks cannot remain unpunished," the man said, speaking in French.

"We are going to launch the biggest operation ever against you. Expect many cyberattacks. War has been declared. Get ready," the man said,



Anonymous video still  
ANONYMOUS

without giving details of what the attacks would involve. "We don't forgive and we don't forget."

The video posted to YouTube had attracted more than 1.1 million views by 9:30 a.m. EST on Monday.

Anonymous is an international network of activist computer hackers which has claimed

responsibility for many cyberattacks against government, corporate and religious websites over the past dozen years.

Since the attack on French weekly Charlie Hebdo last January, which led to the deaths of 17 victims, Anonymous activists have waged an online vigilante campaign to force the shutdown of Twitter profiles suspected of belonging to ISIS supporters.

The group says it has identified more than 39,000 suspected ISIS profiles and reported them to Twitter. It claims to have had more than 25,000 of these accounts suspended, while nearly 14,000 more on the targeted list remain active, according to a list posted to a site calling itself Lucky Troll Club. **REUTERS**



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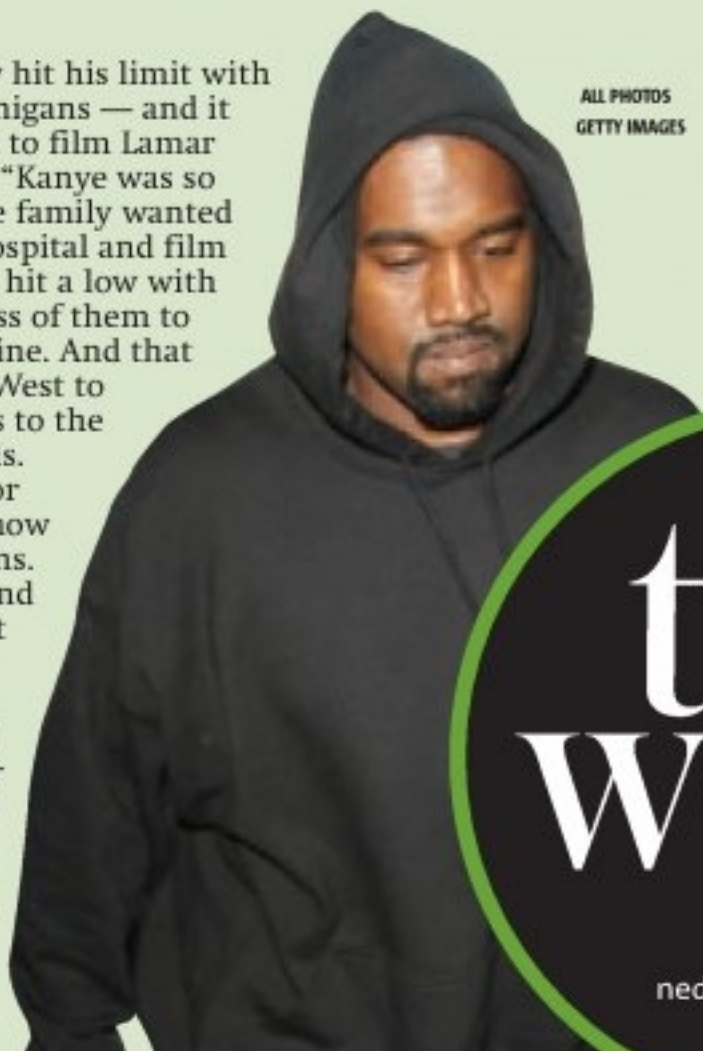


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## Kanye doesn't want to keep up with the Kardashians

Kanye West may have finally hit his limit with his in-laws' reality TV shenanigans — and it reportedly came from a plan to film Lamar Odom while in the hospital. "Kanye was so upset when he found out the family wanted to sneak cameras into the hospital and film Lamar. He really thinks they hit a low with this stunt. He said it was crass of them to do," a source tells Radar Online. And that reaction may be prompting West to follow his gut when it comes to the Kardashians and his own kids. "Kanye doesn't want North or the new baby to be on the show anymore," the source explains. "He is really mad that Kim and Khloe and their mom exploit Lamar. He feels like Lamar needs to recover in privacy, and to put that on the show in his condition is just outrageous. Kanye is not going to let this go. He feels like he has to stand up to everyone for Lamar and for his daughter and son." Ironically, that would probably make pretty good TV.



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## Female celebs pile on Rousey post-defeat



Way to kick a girl when she's down. While a hospitalized Ronda Rousey is still smarting from this weekend's knock-out loss to Holly Holm, some famous women are chiming in with trash-talk. Lady Gaga cited karma in the Rousey defeat, tweeting,

"That's what you get for not touching gloves," along with a pretty brutal photo from the fight. Then Laila Ali chimed in, telling TMZ Sports, "In order to be the best in the world, you definitely don't ever get beat up like that in your prime, period." Ouch.



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# Sarah Bolger is back in America



Finn Wittrock plays legendary college football player Freddie Steinmark and Sarah Bolger is his girlfriend in "My All American." VAN REDIN, CLARIUS ENTERTAINMENT

The Irish actress tackles learning about U.S. football with "My All American."



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Sarah Bolger can't talk that much about one of her most famous roles, as the older daughter in the 2002 immigrants-in-New-York drama "In America." After all, she made it when she was 10. But she's stayed in the game and can now be seen as a twentysomething on the show "Into the Badlands" and the real-life sports weepie "My All American," in which the Irish actress plays a nice Southern girl who falls for a college football player Freddie Steinmark (Finn Wittrock)...who is diagnosed with bone cancer.

How did you take to the American South?

The South to me wasn't that different from anywhere else. Great barbecue, stupid humidity. But I was more concerned with creating an All-American girl. That's not something I know. It was about learning her and being able to talk to the real Lisa [her character]. I thought it would be so hard for her to talk about this. I kept being like, "I'm going to ask you a question, you don't have to answer it." And she would answer every time. And she'd cry and I'd cry.

**It's crazy to have to deal with that at that age.** It was her first love — the love of her life, potentially. I can't even imagine her watching this. She's remarried once or twice; she's moved on and has kids. Then to see this moment relived — it seems hard.

The film shows that no matter how loyal

**and dedicated she is to Freddy, she has her own inner life and pursuits.** She not the air-fairy girlfriend, the right hand of the sports player. She's a force. She doesn't take crap, which is something she said. They were partners. There was no "girlfriend," no "oooooh, I like you." From the beginning they loved each other. It was instant kismet. They were kindred spirits.



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## Fired up over football

Not being American, you had probably rarely witnessed first-hand our insane passion for American football.

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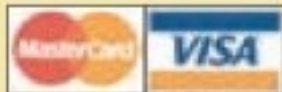
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## Christina Aguilera doesn't watch 'The Voice'



Aguilera will be back on the show next season, stepping in for Gwen Stefani. **JOHN KOPALOFF**

Her thought on  
Gwen and Blake:  
"Why not?"



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You and millions of other Americans might be watching "The Voice" every week, but Christina Aguilera isn't. The singer and mom does not watch the show when she's serving as a coach or during the seasons she sits out, like this one.

But that doesn't mean she doesn't have an opinion on Gwen Stefani and Blake Shelton's new romance.

**How do you think things are going this season on "The Voice"?**

I don't watch my seasons or "The Voice," really, because I'd like to stay fresh and focused. (Laughs.) When I'm on it, I'm too tired to watch it back. And when I'm off of it, I'm with my kids and working on my music and making sure I'm re-

freshed and I'm not overwhelmed by it when I don't have to be on it. But I'm still with them. I've seen them every week since October pre-taping the battles. I was there for a coach performance yesterday, popping my head in. Some cool stuff going on over there. Got our first love connection, I guess. (Laughs.)

**It was bound to happen at some point.**  
I know! Exciting stuff. I saw them both yesterday. I know their personal

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## Speaking out

**Of your work, which songs were the most inspired by your mother's struggle with domestic violence?**

From my perspective, probably the song "I'm OK," that

was on my "Stripped" record. And then later on from my "Back to Basics" record I did a song that was pretty much inspired by—and dedicated to—her, called "Oh Mother."

experiences with their divorces on separate levels, and man, I've been through a divorce myself, so everybody deserves happiness. And they're two amazing people, such hard workers. And Gwen also is a mother of three boys. I know she's a great mom, we've known each other for years going to each other's kids' birthdays and stuff. Happiness deserves happiness, you know? So, why not?

**You've teamed up with Verizon's Hopeline to raise awareness about domestic violence. Why is that important to you?**

It hits home for me. I witnessed a lot of domestic violence growing up. So it's been something that's happened to me in life.

It's part of my story, part of my history, partly what motivates me in many ways, to be honest. This is such a hush-hush topic. People don't really like to talk about it. They think it's none of their business. It happens in the privacy of the home, you know. And it's really, really hard sometimes, if you don't have the financial means, to leave a situation. It affects your children. My mom definitely was an example. She chose to empower herself and in turn empower her daughters by finally leaving a situation.

**Do you think that's an area of inspiration you'll go back to, or have you covered that?**

Yeah, I have. Unless I'm inspired or moved by it

for a different reason, who knows? I never like to force anything. But I've done a lot of personal reflecting and healing and breathing into my body and myself. You know, my whole life whether it was witnessing domestic violence or working since I was 7 years old, it's always been sort of go, go, go, fight-or-flight mode. It's always been something. So it's so important for me, more so than ever now, to find outlets and ways for me to de-stress, for me to be gentle on myself and to encourage others to be gentle on themselves.

**Do you find that mindset influencing your music?**

I don't like to be deadlined or pushed in a box. (Laughs.) I kind of feel like I've worked my whole life in that way and I've done a great job at it; I've accomplished so much. And even though I haven't released an album [in three years], I'm still accomplishing things that inspire me by the moment. But yes, I am working on music. It's very exciting.

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# Shhh...it's a secret

Painted Bride is keeping mum on its Secret Show series, but we've been promised glitter.



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Typically this space would be filled with a description of the performance that will be taking place at the Painted Bride tonight, with enthusiastic quotes from the artists or actors or musicians talking about the ideas behind it or the work that's gone into it.

You'll find none of that here, because we're not allowed to tell you what exactly tonight's show will be — and couldn't if we wanted to. The first time anyone other than the artists involved will know what's happening is when the curtain rises. This is the kickoff of the Painted Bride's "Secret Show" series, which hands the stage and the reins over to a different artist/curator each month and gives them carte blanche to create a surreptitious event.

All we do know is that this inaugural show is the brainchild of "lover,



Christina May is hosting the first in the Secret Show series. PROVIDED

artist and educator" Christina May, an acting coach and theater artist who has recently created productions for the Fringe Festival, the Philadelphia Jazz Project, and Theater Horizon in Nor-

ristown. "It's hard for me to keep it a secret," May gushes enthusiastically, then drops a tantalizing

hint. "Without saying too much, it's 'The Price is Right' meets artistic sanctuary meets interdisciplinary explosion."

That doesn't clear much up, but Painted Bride executive director Laurel Raczka hopes that audiences will be drawn in by the names of the curators and the air of mystery surrounding these shows.

"That feeling of surprise creates a different kind of excitement, kind of like going on a first date," Raczka says. "We're hoping for a variety of experiences."

As excited as she is now, May says she was initially reluctant to take on the challenge of crafting a show in such a hush-hush environment. "I was scared out of my mind. This is relying on your name alone to bring people to come. But as an evolving artist you should always do something that petrifies you, so something inside me said, 'Do it.' I would pay 10 bucks to see someone do whatever they wanted to do. I'm full of glitter, sparkles and love, so you're in for a real adventure."

## On deck

The series will continue in coming months with Renegade Company founding artistic director Mike Durkin and Kensington-based production manager, visual artist and designer Jen Cleary. May hopes that audiences unfamiliar with the Bride will be drawn

by the lure of the unknown. "If I can use my name and my artistic shenanigans to bring people the Bride, ultimately they're going to love the experience and want to come back. It's the coolest space in Philadelphia," she says.

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# The gift of digital detox

The holidays are the perfect time to check into the real world.



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Going on vacation used to mean switching off life's usual responsibilities. But thanks to having email right on our phones and feeling the need to share our most picturesque, or noteworthy, moments on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, even the holiday season doesn't offer a respite from the pressure of being always connected.

This constant #FOMO, or "fear of missing out," makes it hard to take a break from the stress of our daily lives. And it has gotten so bad that it's spawning cottage industries dedicated to helping us shut off.

"Many people suffer from being hyperconnected during the year and their holidays," says Gauthier Peyrouzet, founder of Digital Detox Holidays, which maintains a database of hotels offering programs that help visitors unplug. "There is a real demand from people to get the opportunity to disconnect from the continu-

ous flow of information that they receive on their phones, tablets and computers."

Whether we use them for work or pleasure — or, increasingly, both, as our social media identities become part of our résumé — there's definitely an addiction component to our relationship with our devices. But using them more isn't making us better at anything but feeling less connected, according to neuroscientist Earl K. Miller at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"The problem is that our brains are ill-equipped to deal with so much information," he says. "We are remarkably single-minded and terrible at multitasking, but we want to do it, because our brains find information rewarding."

So take the holiday season as your chance to break the cycle.

## Physical distance

A lot of offices run software or encryption programs that make working remotely either cumbersome or impossible, so being physically away from the office is a great chance to say, "There's nothing I can do about it." That includes

not checking emails you can't deal with — especially ones that require input from someone else on your team. Set your out-of-office message and actually be out of the office, instead of making to-do lists and preparing to be back in it.

## Clear priorities

The problem with the routine of daily life is that your priorities are set. Most of our days start and end in bed, holding our phones. "The consequence is that there is no real off time," Miller says. "Being well-connected means people expect more from us. That's a lot of pressure."

When you're forced out of that comfort zone by traveling during the holidays or just seeing the mental shift that comes with remembering what's important this time of year, it can put things in an unexpected perspective. Instead of trying to fit the holiday and your loved ones into your usual routine, let them set the schedule. You're sure to experience something new, and you won't be able to justify taking out your phone "just to check Yelp reviews," a move that turns into 20 minutes of browsing Twitter.

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If a single photo is enough to tell a whole story, it might be because you were too busy taking the picture instead of experiencing the moment to give it context and meaning. Having everyone, whether it's friends or family, in the same place

at the same time is an opportunity to deepen relationships, discuss the past or your hopes for the future. That's the stuff that doesn't fit in an Instagram post.

## Stay at a hotel

If you need a little help, as Peyrouzet puts it, to "rediscover the pleasure of disconnecting from

everything," check into a hotel with a special digital detox program. Whether it's an on-site spa, a class that teaches better tech habits or being rewarded for turning over your phone for a brief period, there are clever ways to keep you in the moment if you just can't be trusted to manage your digital domain.

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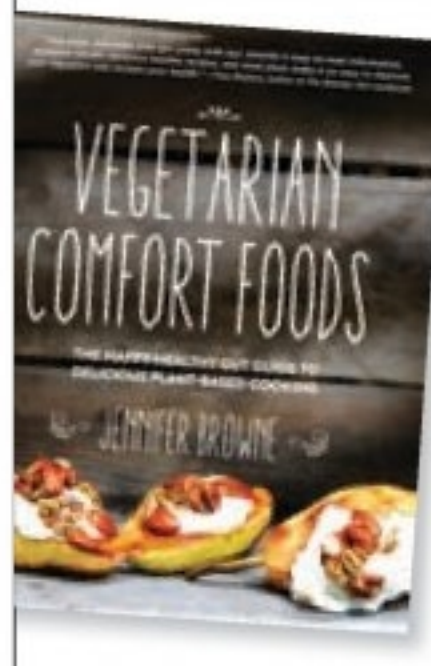
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# Fall comfort foods that are sure to love you back

Find a new winter favorite in "Vegetarian Comfort Foods."



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Now that it's finally comfort food weather, everyone's thoughts are turning to indulgent favorites like pot pies and creamy soups. This is out of nostalgia, or just because it's cold outside. But eating fewer lean meats and fruits could spell trouble just as we're spending less time outside.

The compromise? Upgrading ingredients like the white flour in pie crusts to Quinoa flour and making swaps like roasted eggplant or zucchini in place of bread to add fiber and vitamins to dishes. "Vegetarian Comfort Foods" is full of ideas like these so you can still feel the satisfaction of a hearty meal, while making sure your gut is getting some love, too.

These recipes will also help with the other side effect of all the rich foods that fill our plates this time of year: digestive issues. Author Jennifer Browne's first book, "Happy Healthy Gut," detailed her journey to heal her decade-long struggle with irritable bowel syndrome through changing her diet, specifically by cutting out meat. The recipes in her new

book are vegetarian, but there's flexibility in either direction, whether you eat eggs or need ideas for making them vegan.

We included one recipe here, perfect for football season. Improve the greasy food bomb that is stuffed (and usually, fried) mushrooms. Check out Metro.us for more ideas on good-for-you versions of your favorite comfort fare.

## Stuffed Portobello Mushrooms

*This is a great side for presentation alone. Filling and robust, it's a hearty veggie extra that your omnivorous friends will want to make themselves. This also makes a great entree if you want to double your portion.*

### Ingredients

- 4 portobello mushrooms
- 1 small fennel bulb
- 1/2 yellow onion
- 1/2 cup shredded zucchini
- 2 garlic cloves
- 2 tbsp. sundried tomatoes
- 2 tbsp. goat cheese or feta
- 1 tbsp. avocado oil
- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1 small sprig fresh rosemary
- 1/4 cup raw pumpkin seeds

### Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Wash mushrooms and pull off stems. Dice mushroom stems, fennel and onion; shred zucchini; and mince garlic.

Place avocado oil in frying pan and heat. Add garlic and onion and sauté for about 30 seconds. Add the fennel and mushroom stems, and cook until they are just softened.

Remove from heat, and add sundried tomatoes, zucchini and cheese. Pull the rosemary off its stem and rub between fingers to release flavors. Rip apart and add to mixture.

Stir well. Scoop one quarter of the mixture into cavity of each mushroom. Brush the sides with olive oil and bake for 20 minutes, or until heated through.

Remove from baking sheet, garnish with seeds, parsley and additional rosemary, and serve alongside a salad or some sprouted brown rice. Makes four servings.



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# Can Sanchez keep the 4-5 Eagles in playoff contention?

Several Eagles skill position players voiced their opinion on Mark Sanchez, filling in for injured Sam Bradford.



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Ready or not, it's time for the Sanchez (also known as the "butt fumbler," or a \$9 million backup quarterback).

With Sam Bradford out for at least the Eagles' next two games (Sunday at home against the Buccaneers and Thanksgiving in Detroit), Mark Sanchez

will step into the QB1 role for the Eagles.

There is no official word on when Bradford will return to the field after he suffered an AC joint sprain in his non-throwing shoulder and a concussion in Philly's Week 10 loss to the Dolphins.

Sanchez led the Eagles last year 10 times, filling in for Nick Foles and going 5-5. In the Birds' 20-19 loss to Miami, he gave the team several chances to win — but ultimately threw the game away with a costly end zone interception.

"I'm not thinking about last year," Chip Kelly said after the loss. "I'm just thinking about today, and it hurt us. We'll work

*"Everyone gets reps, so with Sanchez coming in, it really didn't bother us as much. Obviously, losing a great leader like Sam Bradford hurts."*

Eagles wide receiver Josh Huff

around it, get with him in film and figure out what's going on."

Sanchez has been in South Philly all year long after signing a new contract in the spring. He's worked with every player on the roster in practice and has relationships with many that stretch back to last season.

"It's my job to go in

and there should be a seamless transition," Sanchez said. "And I thought at times there was. At other times, I'm sure we can get a little more familiar, of course. Is that only going to get better with repetition and practice? Of course. But the point was just get in and win the game, and unfortunately that didn't happen.



Mark Sanchez led the Jets to two playoff berths prior to joining the Birds. GETTY IMAGES

But we have a long season ahead of us and we just have to be ready to play."

The former Jet and USC alum threw for 156 yards, completing 14 of 23 passes Sunday and looked to have some slight communication issues.

"I thought he played well," DeMarco Murray said. "We perimeter players and running backs have to give him some bigger plays to help him settle down. I thought he did well for the most part."

The Eagles are still in the thick of things in the race for the NFC East. With New York dropping to 5-5 after their loss to New England Sunday, Philly still trails by half a game.

The Buccaneers come to town for a 1 p.m. game next week while the Giants rest for their bye.

"With a full week of preparation with the first team, he can come out and give us a great game against the Bucs," Jordan Matthews said.

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# MACNOW: ONCE AGAIN, KELLY'S PLAY-CALLING COSTS EAGLES

The play that sealed the game — perhaps the season — came with 4 1/2 minutes to go Sunday. Down a point, the Eagles faced second-and-goal at the Miami 9. The situation called for caution, given that Mark Sanchez had replaced injured QB Sam Bradford, and that the hallmark of Sanchez's career is that he throws crushingly ill-time interceptions.

Maybe Chip Kelly should have called two runs and ordered up a chip-shot field goal to put the Eagles ahead (although I'll grant that Caleb Sturgis makes nothing a sure bet). Or maybe — again, knowing Sanchez's flaws — the coach should have picked the lowest-risk pass listed on that S/8 chart he hides behind.

But, no. Kelly went gunslinger and called for a pass into the middle of the end zone. Of course, Sanchez threw it



Chip Kelly's high-paced offense has yielded unexpectedly disappointing results. GETTY IMAGES

into a crowd. Of course, intended receiver Miles Austin didn't even look for the ball.

And so, the game was lost. It's easy to rip Sanchez and Austin for being what they are. But

truly, the fault lies with a head coach who often seems not to realize the abilities of the players he is coaching.

Sometimes there's a blind arrogance to Kelly that implies, "My

play calls are genius, the players just need to execute them." He has said as much in his newscasts.

It's almost as if he believes he is still back in Eugene, coaching the

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Mark Sanchez.

Hall of Fame coach Joe Gibbs once told me that one key to his success was knowing his players' limitations as well as their strengths. Kelly — three years into the NFL — seems to ignore that. He doesn't coach the talent he has. He coaches the talent he wishes he had.

So with just 16 seconds left in the first half, and the Eagles at their own 19, he had Bradford throw a dangerous pass that Miami intercepted at the Eagles 31. A dubious roughing-the-passer call negated the turnover. Had it not, Miami would have been handed a gift chance at an end-of-half field goal.

Hey, the missed blocks and bad snaps that contributed to Sunday's 20-19 loss are not the coach's fault. Austin, a 10-year pro, failed to drag his foot inbounds on another potential TD. Riley Cooper, for the second time this year, cost six points by lining up in the wrong spot.

But Kelly's fingerprints are huge on this one. It's his job to put them in a better position to win.

Oops, I'm starting to talk like a mustachioed former coach from these parts. Time to sign off.

mighty Ducks against weaklings like Missouri State. But this is the NFL, where even an awful defensive team like the Dolphins will beat you if you let them. And Kelly gave Miami that chance by handing the keys to Sanchez.

"Mark, up until that throw, played really well," Kelly said Monday morning on WIP. "He had an opportunity on that play to check it down to two other receivers."

But he didn't, of course. Because he's

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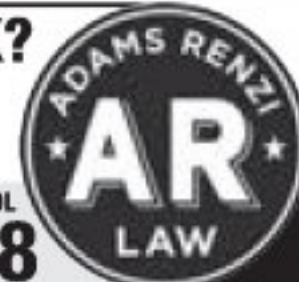
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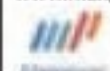
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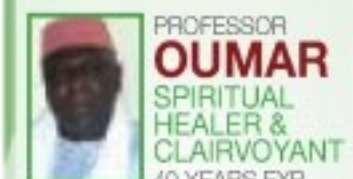


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**Gemini** Be honest and charming when dealing with others. Back away from anyone who appears to harbor ulterior motives or is a bad influence.



**Cancer** You'll have a way with words today. You will be able to convince others to see things your way. An interesting concept will grab your attention.



**Leo** You'll crave change today. Don't feel bad if others fail to share your free-spirited approach to life. Say little in order to avoid controversy.



**Virgo** If you embrace a challenge, you will show everyone how competitive you can be. Do things in your own unique, practical manner.



**Libra** Put your plans in motion. Stop thinking and start taking action. Don't hesitate because of what someone else is doing or saying. Show off your skills.



**Scorpio** Open-mindedness will help resolve any emotional issues that arise. Your keen perception will ensure that you say and do the right thing.



**Sagittarius** Do whatever it takes to strengthen your position. Don't fold under pressure. If someone is being demanding, offer what you can.



**Capricorn** Don't let love or emotional matters stop you from making the decision that is best for you. A financial move will stabilize your position.



**Aquarius** Don't be confused by what others do or say. Make a point to do the things that make you happy rather than trying to please someone.



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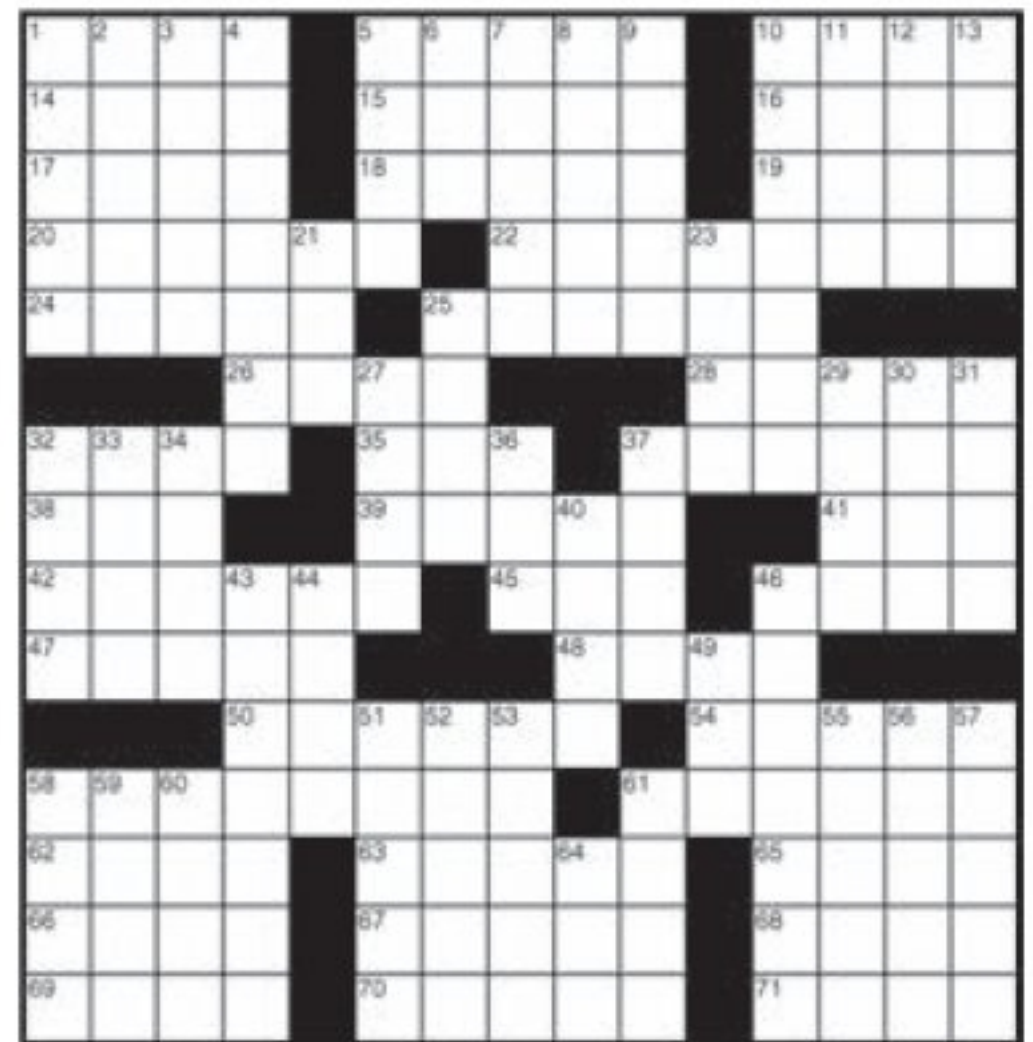
- 1 Formal  
5 Grammy winners  
10 Pro —  
14 Fridge stick  
15 Walrus tusk  
16 Unwelcome obligation  
17 Explains further  
18 Swamp critter  
19 Colony members  
20 Roman army  
22 Inquire delicately (2 wds.)  
24 Vile smile  
25 Cheerleader's prop (hyph.)  
26 Go sky-high  
28 Talks hoarsely  
32 For fear that  
35 Give — — break  
37 Buy from China  
38 Harvest Moon mo.  
39 Asimov of sci-fi  
41 Friend or —?  
42 Suitable to farm  
45 Cable network  
46 Ride the rapids  
47 Bach opus  
48 "Only Time" singer  
50 Expired  
54 Crop up  
58 Gymnast's feat  
61 Wagner oeuvres  
62 Jai —  
63 Pop a top  
65 Overall fronts

- 66 Mezzanine  
67 Kiwi language  
68 Cuba, to Castro  
69 Forest ruminant  
70 Please, in Vienna  
71 The other guys

## Down

- 1 Ambitions  
2 Of yore  
3 Jam tightly  
4 Most curious  
5 Do autographs  
6 Eggs  
7 Untrue (2 wds.)  
8 Brush the dog  
9 Waffle topping  
10 Gas station buy (2 wds.)  
11 — Domini  
12 "Swan Lake" costume  
13 Off. helper  
21 Gonzalez's gold  
23 Rule of thumb  
25 Chief exec  
27 Fifi's friend  
29 Three-seater  
30 Faculty mem.  
31 Dele canceler  
32 Bakery buy  
33 Pantyhose shade  
34 Antler bearer

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- 36 Long sigh  
37 Desktop symbol  
40 Still snoozing  
43 More cumbersome  
44 Table extender  
46 Cheese dish

- 49 Jabber  
51 Carpenter's weight  
52 Red Sea peninsula  
53 Orlando attraction  
55 Gaelic people  
56 Luxury fur

- 57 Dreaded assignment  
58 Like Kojak  
59 — vera  
60 Parakeet quarters  
61 Sheriff Andy's son  
64 Painting, e.g.

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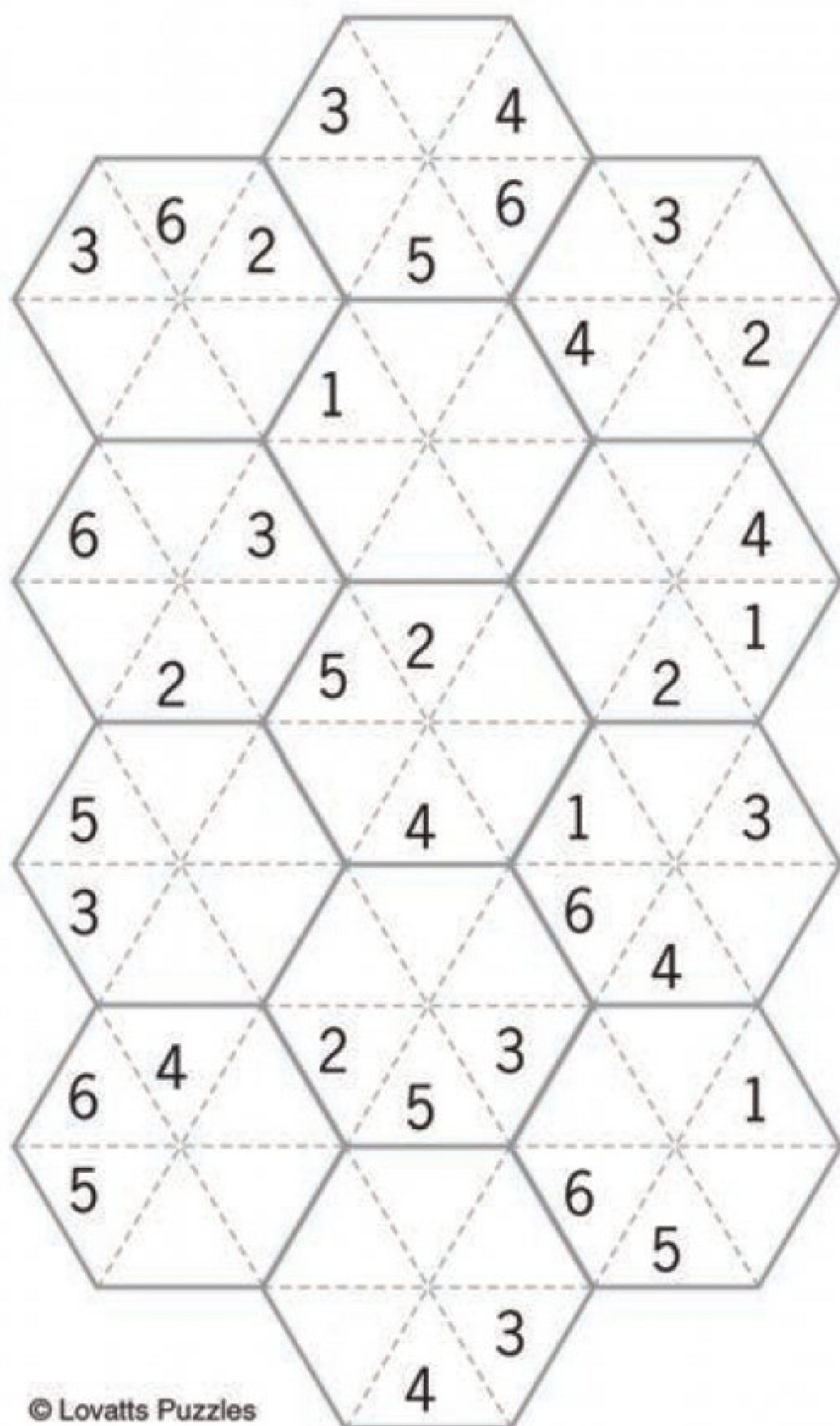


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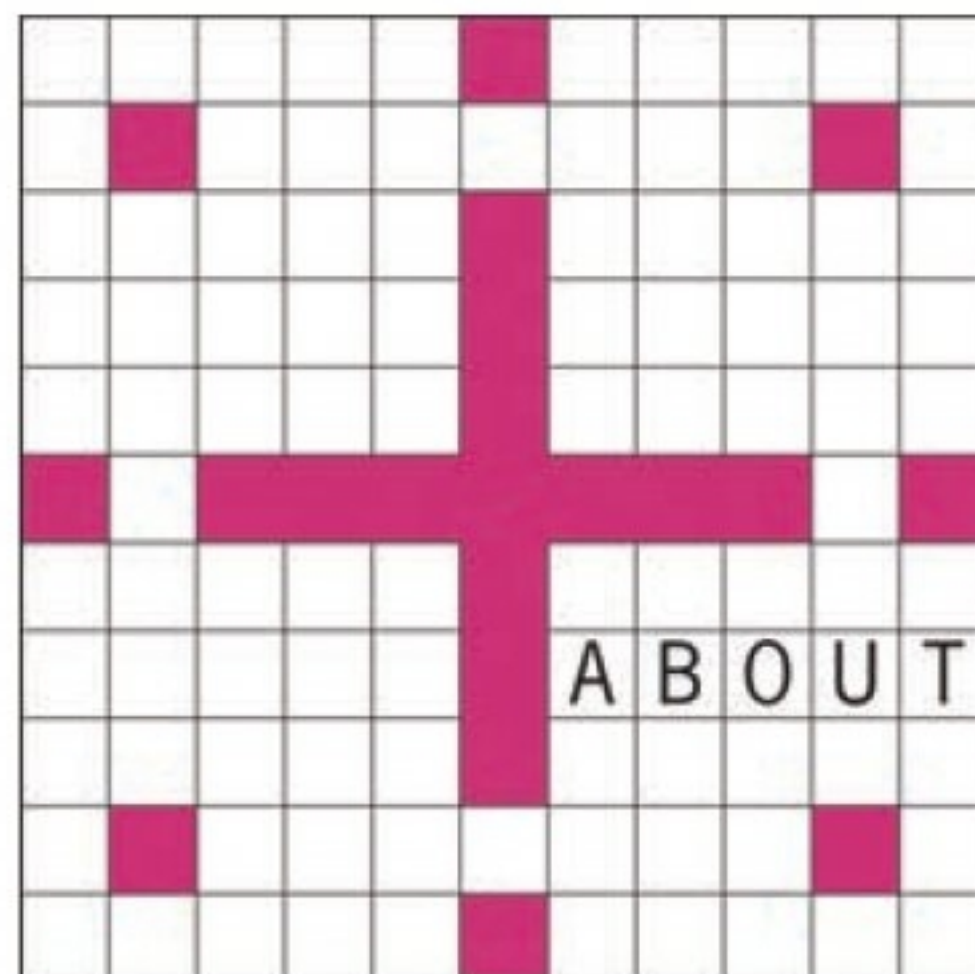
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Acute  
Arena  
Cocoa  
Deter  
Doses  
Enact  
Famed  
Fares  
Fetes  
First  
Guise  
Incur  
Loose  
Melon  
Moist  
Raged  
Ramps

Renal  
Rules  
Sails  
Salts  
Sects  
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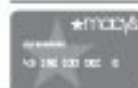
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